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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2284

C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 0954

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ESTC, BEXP, AG, MASS

SUBJ: SURETE NATIONAL REQUEST FOR MUNITIONS

PURCHASE

REF: (A) ALGIERS 2483 (B) STATE 257723 (C) ALGIERS 2632

1. ALGERIAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES, SURETE, HAVE TESTED SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVERS, REFTEL A, AND ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING SAME. FOLLOWING NORMAL ALGERIAN PRACTICE, THEY INSIST ON DEALING WITH COMPANY DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH AGENTS. THIS HAS RAISED A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WHICH SHOULD BE REFERRED TO COMPANY.

2. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY RECORDS, SMITH AND WESSON INTERNATIONAL IS LOCATED AT 1 GREENWICH PLAZA, GREENWICH, CONN. SURETE WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION OF THIS ADDRESS, AND NAME OF CONTACT AT THE COMPANY FOR NEGOTIATING DIRECT DEAL BETWEEN SMITH AND WESSON AND SURETE. SURETE CONTACT IS MR. BOURBIA WHO WORKS WITH MR. AKLI, REFTEL A.

3. SURETE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING MODELS; M-38, M-36 AND M-15, BUT EXAMINATION OF SAMPLE GUNS AND 1972 SMITH AND WESSON CATALOGUE IN GERMAN LEAD TO SOME CONFUSION. SURETE NEEDS CURRENT LITERATURE ON THESE GUNS AND ACCESSORIES IN FRENCH OR WITH FRENCH TRANSLATION. SPECIFIC  
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QUESTIONS ARE: DOES M-15 COME WITH 3 INCH BARREL?

HOW MUCH DOES M-36 WITH 3 INCH BARREL WEIGH  
LOADED?

4. FINALLY, SURETE NEEDS CURRENT PRICE LIST AND  
ESTIMATED DELIVERY TIME FOR THESE REVOLVERS. SURETE  
DID NOT STATE SIZE OF EXACT ORDER, BUT INDICATED  
IT SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN 1800 DISCUSSED REFTEL  
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5. SURETE IS TELEXING SMITH AND WESSON DIRECTLY  
AT ABOVE ADDRESS, BUT DEPARTMENT'S CONTACT WITH  
COMPANY WOULD ASSURE RAPID RESPONSE, PREFERABLY  
DIRECTLY TO SURETE.  
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